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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SHEN'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY

HABIB

1. IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB, ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN FIRST ASSERTED THERE WERE NO GREAT PROBLEMS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, BUT THEN COMPLAINED OF LACK OF EVEN-HANDEDNESS IN US TREATMENT OF ROC AND PRC. SHEN CONTRASTED PRESIDENT FORD'S RECEPTION OF HUANG CHEN ON HIS ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE WITH HIS OWN RECEPTION IN GROUP BY DEPUTY SECRETARY. HE COMPARED SECRETARY'S SEVERAL TRIPS TO PEKING AND WELL-PUBLICIZED OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE ATTEN-TION TO PRCLO WITH THE SCANT ATTENTION AFFORDED TO HIS OWN MISSION. WHILE APPRECIATIVE OF PAST MEETINGS WITH SECRE-TARY, HE ASSERTED THAT HE WAS FINDING ACCESS TO DR. KISSINGER INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AND HOPED THAT HE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SECRETARY EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER LATTER'S NEXT VISIT TO PEKING. SHEN SUMMED UP BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SUBSTANCE OF US POLICY, BUT NOTED THAT APPEARANCES WERE ALSO IMPORTANT, PARTICULARLY TO AN ASIAN. AND ON THIS SCORE HE FELT ROC WAS BEING CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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SHORT-CHANGED.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF DIFFICULTIES FACED BY ROC MISSION AT PRESENT TIME, REFERRED TO SECRETARY'S BUSY SCHEDULE IN REPLY SHEN'S COMPLAINT OF

DIFFICULT ACCESS, BUT OTHERWISE REFRAINED FROM SUBSTANTIVE REPLY TO SHEN'S PRESENTATION. KISSINGER

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